

Honorable Chairman & members of the committee,

My name is Becky Stockton & I reside in Helena, Montana. I come before you today to support SB 46, Protection of unborn life as a compelling state interest.

By the state not protecting the unborn, we have diminished our population. In fact, we could have thousands of more citizens that could support this state financially, produce new businesses, which in turn, would provide jobs & revenue and workers to help & support the seniors of our great state. To me this is a compelling state interest to have our population grow to provide & sustain our economy & our way of life.

We, the contributing citizens of the state of Montana have the constitutional right to make this decision. It is stated in the Montana constitution, Popular Sovereign, Section 1, "All political power is vested in and derived from the people. All government of right originates with the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the whole." I understand this to mean that, we the people of our state have the authority to make this decision, not the courts. Please give the electorate the chance to vote on this important issue.

I just want to end my testimony by referring to a recent movie, "Horton Hears a Who." "It is about an elephant that hears a cry for help coming from a tiny speck of dust floating through the air. Suspecting that there is a tiny life on that speck he and despite a surrounding community, which thinks he has lost his mind, Horton is determined to help. He finds out that the speck harbors the city of Whoville & all its inhabitants and he decides to protect it."

"Horton holds strong to his belief that "a person's a person, no matter how small" so much so that he promises to risk everything for a world of people so tiny, he can't even see them. Horton says it best, "I meant what I said, and I said what I meant, and an elephant's faithful, 100%" (movie review)." Well, I am one of those 100% faithful in defending the unborn life because a person's a person, no matter how small!

Please vote "Yes" on SB 46.

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